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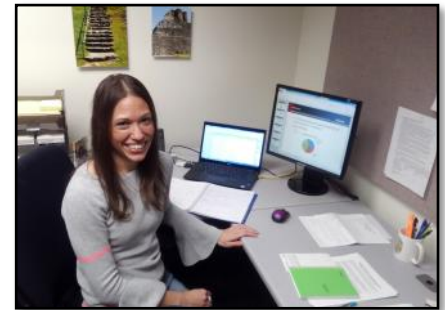
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HPD Partnering with Dakota County on Pilot Program

On September 4, a new face was added to the Hastings Police Department. The **Integrated Service Delivery Coordinator** position is an “office-based/site-based” pilot to help evaluate how to more effectively support members of the community who could benefit from Dakota County’s Community and Social Services or other community resources.

Angela Lockhart works a flexible schedule in order to balance her general job duties and help coordinate services at the local level. Lockhart’s key role is to be available to answer general questions from the HPD patrol staff, administration, and leadership in navigating the social service delivery system and point people toward appropriate services. This could include services such as Crisis Response, Adult Mental Health, Corrections, Veterans Services and Public Health. Because this is a site-based model, she will support officers by providing intermediary support to individuals in the community through co-response with law enforcement. This will primarily occur during post-crisis care and not during a moment of crisis. “The overarching goal of the pilot is to build relationships, foster connections, and provide community members with information about how to access and navigate the system,” says Lockhart.

This collaborative effort aims to provide support to individuals if they are interested in seeking help from social services in any capacity. This will be done by assisting with phone calls, organizing the information they might need to provide, and making referrals, while also bridging and documenting the gaps so the system can get better at identifying long-term solutions. By tracking activity and types of questions, we hope to better understand how to reduce the barriers that get in the way of accessing services.



Angela Lockhart, Integrated Service Delivery Coordinator with Dakota County and Hastings

“The system can be really tricky to navigate,” Lockhart shares. “If someone is struggling with mental health or substance abuse, it can be especially difficult. Law enforcement frequently encounters people who need extra support, but their role isn’t to be a social worker. They can provide the resource number, but then it’s up to the client to follow through.” She continued, “Anyone who has struggled with asking for help knows this is easier said than done. I’m here to make the process feel less scary.”

Another important aspect of this project is to review our repeat service user population on a routine basis. There are a handful of individuals in every community who generate a larger than normal volume of calls. Through this collaboration, we hope to give some proactive attention to these individuals instead of continually reacting to the next crisis. This will promote safety for all parties involved.

In order to evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot, a quarterly evaluation will be done. Areas of focus include: the number of interactions, resolutions, types of questions about the social service delivery system, and resources used.

HPD has provided an office for a 360 Communities Sexual and Domestic Abuse Advocate for the past two years. We hope that this new addition will further our integration and partnership with outside agencies to better serve our community.

For additional information on this pilot project, **contact Angela Lockhart at 651-554-6896**. To access immediate information on services available through the county or in the Hastings community, please call the **Crisis Response Unit at 952-891-7171**.

Report Suspicious Activity! Call 911

Outdoor Skating Rinks

Watch for outdoor rinks to open soon. Call the hotline at **651-480-2392** or sign up for text alerts by texting **HMNRRINKS** to **888777**.

Skating Rink Locations:

- **Levee Park:** WH, RR
- **Wallin Park:** WH, RR, HR
- **Lions Park:** WH, RR, HR
- **Pioneer Park:** WH, RR, HR
- **Isabel Park:** RR only
- **Civic Arena:** HR only

WH = Warming House

RR = Recreational Rink (no hockey)

HR = Hockey Rink

Warming House Hours:

Lions, Pioneer, Wallin:

- M-F: 4-9 p.m.
- Sat: Noon-9 p.m.
- Sun: Noon-8 p.m.

Levee Park:

- Closed M-W
- Th-F: 4-8 p.m.
- Sat & Sun: Noon-8 p.m.

Check the website for specialty hours.



Family Skate Night

Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Lions Park, 1001 5th Street W.

Cost: FREE

Bring your family for a festive night of ice skating at our annual Family Skate Night. Enjoy music, hot cocoa, and family fun. Don't forget your skates or boots!

The Pink Patch Project

Thank you for the wonderful outpouring of support during the HPD's first year of participating in the Pink Patch Project. Led by Hastings Officer, Whitney Rinowski, the Hastings Police were able to sell 226 special edition pink uniform patches and 50 pink



ribbon pins. Hastings collaborated with the Rosemount Police Department, the two Minnesota agencies participating, and helped to donate \$4,927 to the American Cancer Society.

Thank you to the Hastings United Way and the Spoolhouse for supporting the project by selling patches at your locations. Didn't get a patch this year? Watch for the second annual campaign next October!

Snow Emergency Notification

A Snow Emergency automatically goes into effect when two or more inches of snow has accumulated. Our crews have a big job, and we want to be as efficient as possible to keep streets safe for you and emergency vehicles. Do your part by keeping your vehicle off the street until the road has been cleared to its full width. Avoid a costly parking ticket! Sign up to get a text alert or phone call when we start our cleanup procedures. Simply text **HMNSNOW** to **888777** to automatically enroll in text alerts. If you prefer a phone call, go to **www.nixle.com** and click on the Residents tab, then follow sign up procedures.

For detailed information about City of Hastings Snow Emergency policies and procedures, including a map of Public Parking Lots, city code requirements for shoveling your sidewalk, what to do during an extended snowfall, and a map of where you can and cannot operate a snowmobile, check out our Snow Emergency page on the city website under **Seasonal Reminders** in the **Residents** section.

Become a Hydrant Hero

Can the Fire/EMS Department get to the hydrants closest to your home or business? If the answer is no, precious time could waste away while we clear access to the hydrant during an emergency. We ask that everyone pitch in to keep a three foot clearance around the entire hydrant throughout the winter. Please work with your neighbors and offer assistance to those who might be burdened by this task.

Holiday Light Recycling

Are you switching to LED holiday lights this year? Did you find a strand of broken lights? Don't throw them in your trash or recycling bins. Bring your broken or unwanted Christmas and holiday lights to a local drop-off site to be recycled. This service will be offered through February 1, 2019.

Hastings drop-off locations include:

- Hastings City Hall: 101 Fourth Street E.
- Sterling Drug: 1399 S. Frontage Road
- Terry's Hardware: 375 33rd Street W.
- Hastings Parks & Rec: 920 10th Street W.
- Dakota Cty Admin Center: 1590 Hwy 55



Have a question about recycling other holiday items such as packaging, gift boxes, and wrapping paper? Check out the handy Green Guide on the **Residents** section of our website under **Recycling & Garbage Services**.



www.hastingsmn.gov

Water Disinfection Study

Following the water system contamination that occurred in September, City staff began work with **Stantec** on conducting a feasibility study to explore options for permanent disinfection methods in the City's water system. A report on the study has recently been received, and the findings will be discussed with City Council during the first part of 2019. We will keep you informed of updates on the city web page as they become available.

www.hastingsmn.gov/water

Riverfront Renaissance Comes to a Close



BEFORE and AFTER

In the final phase of the Riverfront Renaissance, the city worked to reconstruct the alley that connects the parking area beneath the bridge to the Levee Park parking lot and Sibley Street. Highlights of this project included a new concrete pavement surface, dumpster enclosures, enhanced lighting, and improved drainage. The most exciting and noticeable piece is the burial of the overhead utility lines that had criss-crossed overhead. Thank you to all of the affected businesses for your patience during this project.

Recognition of ArtSpace Hastings River Lofts

Did you know? ArtSpace Hastings River Lofts was featured in a recent issue of **Architecture Minnesota** as a great example of affordable housing construction. The article can be found at <https://www.aia-mn.org/architecture-mn-november-december-2018>. The project was also honored as a finalist for the *ReScope Community Impact Award* by **Minnesota**



Brownfields, an organization promoting the redevelopment of environmentally contaminated sites. The site has been recognized for transforming the former industrial site located at 121 Tyler Street into 37 affordable housing units and retail space. Know a creative artist looking for a home? The River Lofts has gorgeous two bedroom units available. Contact their leasing office for information.

Great River Landing Updates

Work has begun on the new 123-stall parking ramp located on the former 1st National Bank property at 119 West Second Street. The ramp is expected to be completed by this summer and will be a wonderful addition to our growing and vibrant downtown area.

Building plans for the former Hudson Manufacturing building have been submitted. Revised plans for the riverfront park have been reviewed by Planning Commission and approved by the City Council. Construction is expected to begin on this building in early 2019 to transform the building into a hotel, apartments, a banquet facility and retail space.

Family Ice Fishing

Dates: Saturdays, January 26 & February 9

Time: 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Lake Rebecca Park, 415 Lock & Dam Road

Cost: FREE



Experience ice fishing this winter. Learn about ice safety, fish species and habitat, ice fishing gear and techniques. Instruction, equipment and bait is provided. This event is open to all ages and is in partnership with the National Park Service, Carpenter Nature Center, the DNR, and In-Depth Outdoors. Pre-register by contacting Paige at 651-480-6182 or pmarschall@hastingsmn.gov.

After Hours Teen Skate Night

Date: Thursday, January 17, 2019

Time: 8 - 10 p.m.

Location: Pioneer Park, 801 15th Street W.

Cost: FREE



Bring a friend to our 4th Annual Teen Skate Night for teens ages 13 and up. Hot cocoa, s'mores, bonfire, and music is provided. Enjoy a fun night with friends. Don't forget your skates or boots.

We are committed to our CORE Values:

Communication • Optimal Service • Respect for Resources • Enthusiasm

Homeowner's Winter Checklist

It's not too late to take some precautionary steps to help your home work efficiently and safely through the winter. Try a few of these tips from our Building Safety.

HVAC Maintenance: Contact a heating and cooling contractor to inspect your furnace. A dirty heat exchanger can decrease the efficiency of your furnace resulting in higher costs and potential carbon monoxide emissions. Change your furnace filters monthly to increase air quality. Newer homes with indoor air ventilation systems should be checking their unit's filters every six months.

Fireplace/Wood Stove: The chimney should be cleaned and checked yearly. Use only dry, seasoned wood or logs. Always keep a screen in front of the fireplace to prevent sparks from escaping.

Attic Insulation & Ventilation: An attic should have an insulating value of at least R-38. Ventilation requirements vary with the type of soffits and attic design. Ventilation is important to the life span of your roof, and makes your home more comfortable and energy efficient. Ventilation prevents heat and moisture build-up and uneven roof temperatures which can prevent water from properly draining off of your roof. This can cause damaging **ice dams** to form.

Roof Maintenance: Check the roof for loose or missing slates and shingles. Inspect the chimney for loose bricks and failing mortar joints. Clean debris from gutters. Snow can enter in these areas and can cause expensive water damage during freeze/thaw cycles.

Exterior Water Valves: Be sure to shut off and drain all exterior water valves that are not designed against freezing temps. Frozen water pipes bursting in a wall can be an expensive fix, even if detected early.

Have a home safety question? Contact our **Building Inspectors at 651-480-2342**. We are here to help!



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2019 Budget at a Glance

The City's budget intends to be a financial plan that prioritizes high quality services in a fiscally responsible manner. On Monday, December 3, 2018, the Truth in Taxation hearing was held at City Hall. Staff presented the final budget recommendation and levy proposal to the city council. The process to develop the budget is a collaborative effort of the city budget team, the finance committee of the council, and the management team.

The 2019 Proposed Property Tax Levy is \$14,233,201

The City levy is increasing 5.64%. The market value for properties within the city increased 8.21%. Due to this growth within the city, the proposed property tax rate is actually decreasing by 1.43% from the previous year. The proposed property tax levy will result in 2019 City property taxes of approximately \$1,073 on a median value home. Take a peek at a quick breakdown of where your dollars go.

Where Do Your Dollars Go?

- ◆ **\$11.36** - City Operations
- ◆ **\$2.88** - Community Development**
- ◆ **\$34.91** - Public Safety
- ◆ **\$6.92** - Public Works
- ◆ **\$10.65** - Parks and Recreation
- ◆ **\$1.99** - Facility Maintenance
- ◆ **\$20.69** - Insurance, Debt, Obligations*

*The City's debt supports assets such as the Aquatic Center, Riverfront Renaissance, Street Infrastructure, Fire Trucks, and other similar items.

**Additional funding for Community Development is provided by the HEDRA levy, which is \$345,660 of the total levy amount.

What's New in 2019?

- ◆ Vermillion Street Corridor Investments
- ◆ Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiative
- ◆ Joint marketing project with Hastings Chamber of Commerce & ISD200
- ◆ Energy efficiency upgrades in city buildings
- ◆ Remodeling and reconditioning of City Hall
- ◆ Citywide Water Meter Replacement Program
- ◆ Two new squad cars for the HPD

For more detailed information about the proposed budget and levy, go to **www.hastingsmn.gov/budget**. There you can read the 2019 Budget at a Glance, review the full presentation from the Truth in Taxation hearing, learn about how we use LGA funds awarded by the state, and watch a short video that explains how the property tax rate and levy impact your tax bill.

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